

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering messages in a network ~~(3)~~ comprising at least one terminal device, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

generating ~~(S1)~~ a message[[,]];

setting ~~(S2, S3)~~ a condition for receiving said message[[,]];

deciding ~~(S5, S6)~~ whether said message is to be received by a terminal device ~~(1)~~ based on the basis of said condition[[,]]; and

transmitting ~~(S8)~~ said message to said terminal device ~~(1)~~ based on the basis of the result of the deciding whether the message is to be received step.

2. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said setting step ~~(S2, S3)~~ is performed by a terminal device ~~(4)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said condition is ~~the a~~ location of said terminal device ~~(1)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of:~~

including ~~(S3)~~ information regarding said condition in an optional field of said message.

5. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of:~~

determining ~~(S7)~~ whether said terminal device ~~(1)~~ as being is inactive or busy when ~~in case it is decided that~~ said condition is not met.

6. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, further comprising ~~the step of:~~

deciding (~~S22, S23~~) whether ~~the~~ an originator of said message is permitted to receive a delivery report[[],]; and

transmitting (~~S24~~) said delivery report to the originator of said message only ~~in case~~ when said originator of said message is permitted the delivery report.

7. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 6, further comprising ~~the step~~ of:

storing a list of originators of messages ~~in a database (44)~~, which are permitted to receive delivery reports, in a database.

8. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 6, further comprising ~~the step~~ of:

defining a group of users which are allowed to receive delivery reports[[],];

wherein ~~in said deciding step it is detected~~ whether the originator of said received message is a member of said group of users is determined during said deciding step.

9. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 8, further comprising ~~the step~~ of:

adding a group identifier identifying said group of users to said message.

10. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

11. (Currently Amended) The method ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein said network (~~3~~) is a mobile network and said terminal device (~~4~~) is a mobile terminal device.

12. (Currently Amended) A network system for delivering messages in a network-~~(3)~~, comprising:

a message delivering device ~~(2)~~; and

a terminal device ~~(4)~~; and

a message delivering device wherein said message delivering device ~~(2)~~

~~comprises~~ comprising a deciding means ~~(21)~~ adapted configured to decide whether ~~said~~ a message is to be received by said terminal device ~~(4)~~ based on the basis of a condition for receiving said message, and a transmitting means ~~(23)~~ adapted configured to transmit said message to said terminal device based on the basis of the deciding result of said deciding means determining whether the message is to be received ~~(21)~~ to said terminal device ~~(4)~~.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 12, further comprising:

a setting means ~~(11)~~ for setting configured to set a condition for receiving a message by said terminal device ~~(4)~~.

15. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 12, wherein said condition is ~~the~~ a location of said terminal device ~~(4)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 12, wherein said message comprises an optional field in which information regarding said condition is included.

17. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 12, wherein said message delivering device ~~(2)~~ further comprises a determining means ~~(23)~~ adapted configured to determine whether said terminal device ~~(4)~~ as is not ~~being~~ reachable ~~in case~~ when said deciding means ~~(21)~~ decides that said condition is ~~not met~~ unmet.

18. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 12, wherein said terminal device further comprises:

a judging means ~~(43) for judging~~ configured to determine whether a delivery report is to be transmitted ~~or not~~ in response to receiving said message; and

a transmitting means ~~(45) for transmitting~~ configured to transmit said delivery report ~~in case~~ when said judging means ~~(43) judges~~ determines that said delivery report is to be transmitted.

19. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 17, wherein said terminal device further comprises:

a database ~~(44) in which~~ having a stored list of originators of messages, is ~~stored~~ which are permitted to receive delivery reports, and which is accessed by said judging means ~~(43)~~.

20. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 17, wherein a group of users ~~are defined which are~~ permitted to receive delivery reports are defined, and said judging means ~~(43) is adapted~~ configured to detect whether an ~~the~~ originator of said received message is a member of said group of users.

21. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 19, wherein said ~~a~~ group identifier identifying said group of users is added to said message.

22. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 12, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

23. (Currently Amended) The system ~~according to~~ of claim 12, wherein said network ~~(3)~~ is a mobile network and said terminal device ~~(4)~~ is a mobile terminal device.

24. (Currently Amended) A report delivery condition setting device, comprising:
a setting means ~~(11) for setting~~ configured to set a condition for receiving
a message by a terminal device ~~(4)[[.]]~~; and
a supplying means ~~(12) for supplying~~ configured to supply said message
including said condition to a message delivering device ~~(2)~~.

25. (Currently Amended) The report delivery condition setting device ~~according to~~ of
claim 24, wherein said condition is the location of said terminal device ~~(4)~~.

26. (Currently Amended) The report delivery condition setting device ~~according to~~ of
claim 24, wherein said message comprises an optional field in which information regarding said
condition is included.

27. (Currently Amended) The report delivery condition setting device ~~according to~~ of
claim 24, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

28. (Currently Amended) The report delivery condition setting device ~~according to~~ of
claim 24, wherein said network ~~(3)~~ is a mobile network and said terminal device ~~(4)~~ is a mobile
terminal device.

29. (Currently Amended) A message delivering device ~~for delivering~~ configured to
deliver in a network ~~(3)~~ a message for which a condition for receiving said message by a
terminal device ~~(4)~~ is set, comprising:

a deciding means ~~(21) adapted~~ configured to decide whether said message
is to be received by said terminal device ~~(4)~~ based on the basis of said
condition[[.]]; and

a transmitting means ~~(23) adapted~~ configured to transmit said message to
said terminal device ~~(4)~~ based on the basis of the deciding a result of said
deciding means ~~(21)~~.

30. (Currently Amended) The message delivering device ~~according to~~ of claim 29, wherein said condition is ~~the~~ a location of said terminal device ~~(4)~~.

31. (Currently Amended) The message delivering device ~~according to~~ of claim 29, wherein said message comprises an optional field in which information regarding said condition is included.

32. (Currently Amended) The message delivering device ~~according to~~ of claim 29, further comprising:

a determining means ~~(22) adapted~~ configured to determine whether said terminal device ~~(4) as being~~ is inactive or busy ~~in case~~ when said deciding means ~~(21) decides~~ determines that said condition is ~~not met~~ unmet.

33. (Currently Amended) The message delivering device ~~according to~~ of claim 29, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

34. (Currently Amended) The message delivering device ~~according to~~ of claim 29, wherein said network ~~(3)~~ is a mobile network and said terminal device ~~(4)~~ is a mobile terminal device.

35. (Currently Amended) A terminal device for receiving a message for which a condition for receiving said message is set for use in network ~~(3)~~, comprising:

a receiving means ~~(41) for receiving~~ configured to receive said message;

a judging means ~~(42) for judging~~ configured to determine whether a delivery report is to be transmitted ~~or not~~ in response to receiving said message;
and

a transmitting means ~~(45) for transmitting~~ configured to transmit said delivery report ~~in case~~ when said judging means ~~(42) judges~~ determines that said delivery report is to be transmitted.

36. (Currently Amended) The terminal device ~~according to~~ of claim 35, further comprising:

a database ~~(44) in which~~ having a stored list of originators of messages, is ~~stored~~ which are permitted to receive delivery reports, and which is accessed by said judging means ~~(42)~~.

37. (Currently Amended) The terminal device ~~according to~~ of claim 36, wherein said condition is ~~the~~ a location of said terminal device.

38. (Currently Amended) The terminal device ~~according to~~ of claim 36, wherein said message is a multimedia message.

39. (Currently Amended) The terminal device ~~according to~~ of claim 36, wherein said network ~~(3)~~ is a mobile network and said terminal device ~~(4)~~ is a mobile terminal device.